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p. 98. New genus *SULITA*, type *Sula bassana* Linné, to replace *Morus* Vieillot 1816, not *Morum* Bolten 1798.

*Anthus* Bechstein, Gemein Naturg. Deutschl., Vol. II., pp. 247, 302, 465, 1805, I designate as type *Alauda campestris* Linné, will replace *Anthus*, *id.*, *ib.*, Vol. III., 1807.

AUSTRANTHUS, gen. nov. Type, *Anthus australis*, Vieillot.

p. 3. The type of *Casuarinus johnsonii* Müller, came from Gowrie Creek in Rockingham Bay, Queensland.

The specimens I have from further north, about Cairns, differ in the head coloration. I have given this fully in the Austral Avian Record, Vol. I., pp. 66-67, 1912.

Birds from Gowrie Creek no doubt have the head coloration as given by Gould in the Supplement to the Birds of Australia. I conclude his head is drawn from a typical bird.

I propose for the bird described in the Austral Avian Record as above quoted the name of

CASUARIUS CASUARIUS HAMILTONI, subsp. n.

p. 19. GEOPHAPS SCRIPTA BOURKEI, subsp. n.

Differs from *G. s. scripta* in its larger size and darker colour.

Type, Bourke, New South Wales.

p. 32. FREGETTORNIS INSULARIS, sp. n.

Head, neck all round, back and upper wing-coverts blackish-brown; primaries and tail black; upper tail-coverts, abdomen and vent white; feathers on the side of the body white with a dark brown central streak; under tail-coverts with white bases and black ends; under wing-coverts blackish-brown, central ones white; tail-feathers with white bases to the inner webs; under tail-coverts blackish with white bases; eyes dark brown; bill, feet and legs black. Total length 200 mm.; culmen 13, wing 168, tail 80, tarsus 38.

Type, Lord Howe Island, 2nd February, 1914.

p. 32. FREGETTORNIS ALISTERI, sp. n.

Head, neck all round, back, upper wing-coverts and upper-breast brownish-black; primaries and tail black; upper tail-coverts white with broad blackish tips; abdomen and sides of body white, the latter with brownish tips; tail and under tail-coverts as above; under wing-coverts brownish, central ones whitish; soft parts as above. Total length 200 mm.; culmen 13, wing 165, tail 75, tarsus 36.

Type, Lord Howe Island, 23rd September, 1913.

p. 32. FREGETTORNIS INNOMINATUS, sp. n.

Head, neck all round, back and upper wing-coverts blackish-brown, the two latter with white edges to the feathers; rump, sides of the back, sides of the body, abdomen and vent white; tail-feathers and primaries

black, the former with white bars across to the inner webs; under wing-coverts mostly white, the edges being blackish. Soft parts as above. Total length 215 mm.; culmen 14, wing 164, tail 80, tarsus 37.

Type, Lord Howe Island. 21st of May, 1914.

The above three Storm Petrels are all from Lord Howe Island, but quite distinct from each other, *F. alisteri* having the dark centres to the feathers, and the side of the body recalls *Pealea lineata*.

p. 33. *PUFFINUS ASSIMILIS HOWENSIS*, subsp. n.

Differs from *P. a. assimilis* in being much darker above and in having a shorter bill.

Type, Lord Howe Island.

p. 36. *PRIOCELLA ANTARCTICA ADDENDA*, subsp. n.

Fully described and figured in my Birds of Australia, Vol. II., p. 126, plate 82, as *P. antarctica*.

Type, New Zealand Seas.

p. 37. *PTERODROMA INEXPECTATA THOMPSONI*, subsp. n.  
Mottled Petrel.

Differs from *P. i. inexpectata* in being darker above and the grey of the under-surface extending further up towards the throat.

Range, East Australia.

p. 41. *DIOMEDEA EXULANS ROHUI*, subsp. n.

Differs from *D. e. chionopectera* in its smaller measurements all round.

Type, Sydney, New South Wales.

p. 45. *GEOCHELIDON NILOTICA NORMANI*, subsp. n.

Differs from *G. n. macrotarsa* in its smaller bill.

Type, Normanton, Gulf of Carpentaria, Queensland.

p. 45. *HYDROPROGNE TSCHEGRAVA YORKI*, subsp. n.

Differs from *H. t. strenua* in its smaller size in every way.

Type, Cape York, Queensland.

## p. 49. MELANOSTERNA ANÆTHETUS ROGERSI, subsp. n.

Differs from *M. a. novæhollandiæ* in being darker both above and below. Fully described and figured in my Birds of Australia, Vol. II., p. 397, as *M. a. novæhollandiæ*.

Type, Admiralty Gulf, North-west Australia.

## p. 53. STERCORARIUS PARASITICUS VISITORI, subsp. n.

Differs from *S. p. parasiticus* in its lighter coloration and smaller bill. It has more of the dappled appearance of *Petrella capensis*. It never appears to have the dark phase.

Type, Sydney, New South Wales.

## p. 55. LOBIBYX NOVÆHOLLANDIÆ GRACEMERI, subsp. n.

Differs from *L. n. novæhollandiæ* in being smaller and lighter in colour.

Type, Gracemere, Queensland.

## p. 65. ILIORNIS STAGNATILIS ADDENDA, subsp. n.

Fully described and figured in my Birds of Australia, Vol. III., p. 200, pl. 149.

Type : male, Northern Territory.

## p. 68. GLOTTIS NEBULARIUS GEORGI, subsp. n.

Fully described and figured in my Birds of Australia, Vol. III., p. 225, pl. 155.

Type, New South Wales.

## p. 81. MESOPHOYX INTERMEDIA TERRITORI, subsp. n.

Differs from *M. i. plumifera* in its shorter tarsus and bill.

Type, Northern Territory.

## p. 82. TONOPHOYX ARUENSIS NORMANI, subsp. n.

Differs from *T. a. flavirostris* in being smaller and darker. Wing 225 mm.

Type, Normanton, Gulf of Carpentaria, Queensland.

p. 112. NOTOFALCO SUBNIGER MINNIE, subsp. n.

Differs from *N. s. subniger* in having no bars on the tail.

Type, Minnie Downs, Queensland.

p. 120. GLOSSOPSITTA CONCINNA DIDIMUS, subsp. n.

Differs from *G. c. concinna* in having less blue on the head, less yellow on the sides of the body and in being paler green all over.

Type, Tasmania.

p. 121. GLOSSOPSITTA PUSILLA ASHBYI, subsp. n.

Differs from *G. p. pusilla* in being darker green above and the red on the face and fore-head darker.

Type, Cairns, North Queensland.

p. 121. OPOPSITTA DIOPHTHALMA BOWERI, subsp. n.

Differs from *O. d. leadbeateri* in being less conspicuously marked, the red on the face and fore-head not so bright; the yellow on the sides of the body not so pronounced.

Type, Barron River, North Queensland.

p. 124.

CALLOCEPHALON GALEATUM TASMANICUM, subsp. n.

Differs from *C. g. galeatum* in having a shorter crest of a lighter red colour.

Type, Tasmania.

p. 129. POLYTELIS ANTHOPEPLUS WESTRALIS, subsp. n.

Differs from *P. a. anthopeplus* in its generally being much more subdued in coloration, the yellow of the under-surface being replaced by greenish-yellow.

Type, West Australia.

p. 131. PLATYCERCUS CALEDONICUS HENRIETTÆ, subsp. n.

Differs from *P. c. caledonicus* in having more red on the head and in having the under tail-coverts red.

Type, King Island.

p. 135. PSEPHOTUS HÆMATONOTUS VIRESCENS, subsp. n.

Differs from *P. h. hæmatonotus* in having the head darker green and the yellow of the abdomen with a more orange tinge.

Type, South Australia.

Range, South Australia ; Victoria.

+ p. 135. PURPUREICEPHALUS SPURIUS CARTERI, subsp. n.

Differs from *P. s. spurius* in being darker above, the cheek greener and the under-surface dark purple.

Type, Broome Hill, West Australia (Inland).

- p. 137. PSEPHOTELLUS PULCHERRIMUS DUBIUS, subsp. n.

Differs from *P. p. pulcherrimus* in being darker above.

Type, New South Wales.

p. 137.

+ PSEPHOTELLUS CHRYSOPTERYGIUS DOROTHEÆ, subsp. n.

Differs from *P. c. dissimilis* in being darker on the back and more verditier green below.

Type, McArthur River, Gulf of Carpentaria, Northern Territory.

p. 138.

NEONANODES CHRYSOSTOMUS TASMANICA, subsp. n.

Differs from *N. c. chrysostomus* in being darker green on the back and in having the upper chest yellow, not green.

Type, Tasmania.

p. 138. NEOPHEMA PULCHELLA DOMBRAINI, subsp. n.

Differs from *N. p. pulchella* in having the red scapulars much more pronounced and the blue on the wing not so noticeable.

Type, Southern Victoria.

- p. 141. *GEOPSITTACUS OCCIDENTALIS WHITEÆ*, subsp. n.  
Southern Spinifer Parrot.

Differs from *G. o. occidentalis* in being darker green above and in having the abdomen not so yellow.

Type, near Lake Gairdiner, South Australia, No. 8954.

- p. 149 add—

*SAUROPATIS SANCTA RUFICOLLARIS*.

Northern Sacred Kingfisher.

*Alcyone ruficollaris* Bankier, Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist., Vol. VI., p. 394, 1841, Port Essington.

Range, Northern Territory.

- p. 153. *MICROPUS COLCLOUGHI*, sp. n.

Differs from *M. pacificus* in its larger size, and in being steel blue and not steel green above.

Type, Cape York.

Range, Northern Australia (appears to be an occasional visitor).

- p. 162. *PULCHRIPITTA IRIS KEATSI*, subsp. n.

Differs from *P. i. iris* in having the metallic wing-patch larger, and in having a shorter, stouter bill.

Type, Port Keats, Northern Territory.

Range, North-west Australia and West Northern Territory.

- p. 162. *PULCHRIPITTA IRIS MELVILLENSIS*, subsp. n.

Differs from *P. i. iris* in having a longer tarsus and in being more brilliant in its coloration.

Type, Melville Island.

- p. 172. *WILSONAVIS FUSCA RICHMONDI*, subsp. n.

Differs from *W. f. fusca* in being much darker above with flanks much more buff.

Type, Richmond River, Northern New South Wales.

p. 174. *ETHELORNIS CULICIVORUS MUSGRAVI*, subsp. n.

Differs from *E. c. jacksoni* in having a slender bill and in being very much paler.

Type, Musgrave Ranges, Central Australia.

p. 175. *HETEROMYIAS CINEREIFRONS ATHERTONI*, subsp. n.

Differs from *H. c. cinereifrons* in having a white throat and in being lighter on the under-surface.

Type, Atherton, North Queensland.

p. 180. *GILBERTORNIS GILBERTI MALLEE*, subsp. n.

Differs from *G. g. gilberti* in being much lighter on the under-surface.

Type, Victoria.

Range, South Australia and Victoria.

p. 191. *CARTERORNIS LEUCOTIS GRACEMERI*, subsp. n.

Differs from *C. l. leucotis* in being much darker.

Type, Gracemere, Queensland.

p. 192. *MONARCHA KURANDI*, sp. n.

General colour above pearl-grey; primaries and secondaries black; tail brown; round the bill black, which colour extends under the throat; lower throat grey, rest of under-surface chestnut.

Type, Cape York, Queensland.

p. 197. *MACRORTHONYX SPALDINGI ALBIVENTER*, subsp. n.

Differs from *M. s. spaldingi* in being whiter on the abdomen.

Type, Atherton, North Queensland.

p. 219. *GEOBASILEUS REGULOIDES COBBORA*, subsp. n.

Differs from *G. r. reguloides* in being greyish above with just a tinge of green; the under-surface slightly buff.

Type, Cobbora, New South Wales.



## p. 236. ANGROYAN CYANOPTERUS PERTHI, subsp. n.

Differs from *A. c. cyanopterus* in its general darker colour.

Type, Perth, West Australia.

pp. 246-7 read—

## APHELOCEPHALA PECTORALIS.

A. *Aphelocephala pectoralis pectoralis* (Gould).

Synonym —

*Xerophila nigricincta* North, 1895.

B. *Aphelocephala pectoralis tanami* Mathews.

*Phaethon catesbyi* Brandt, Mem. Acad. St. Peterb. (6). V., pt. ii., p. 270, 1840, Bermuda, will replace *Phaethon americanus* Ogilvie-Grant.

## p. 252. WHITLOCKA MELANOTA BARRONI, subsp. n.

Differs from *W. m. melanota* in its larger size, wing 96 mm. : birds from Normanton have a wing measurement of 85-90 mm.

The female differs from females from Normanton in being greyer on the under-surface.

The type of *Climacteris melanota* Gould 1846 was collected on the Nassau River about 25 miles from its mouth in the Gulf of Carpentaria, in open forest country. This new subspecies is from the thick jungle near Cairns, Queensland.

Type, Cairns, Queensland.

## p. 261. MELITHREPTUS VALIDIROSTRIS KINGI, subsp. n.

Differs from *M. v. validostris* in having sides of the body darker, the chest greyer and the wing longer.

Type, King Island, Bass Strait.

## p. 266. ACANTHORHYNCHUS SUFFUSCULA.

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*Certhia suffuscula* Bechstein, Kurze Uebers. Vog., p. 195. 1811, I designate as type locality, Perth, West Australia.

Synonym—

*Melithreptus collaris* Vieillot, Nouv. Dict., Vol. XIV.,  
p. 324, 1817, Perth.

ACANTHORHYNCHUS SUFFUSCULA WILSONI Mathews.

p. 275. MELIPHAGA VERSICOLOR CLELANDI, subsp. n.

Differs from *M. v. versicolor* in being much lighter on the back and the black behind the eye not so pronounced.

Type, Cairn Cross Island, Barrier Reef.

p. 301. AIDEMOSYNE MODESTA NOGOA, subsp. n.

Differs from *A. m. modesta* in its lighter coloration.

Type, Queensland.

p. 303. POEPHILA ACUTICAUDA NEA, subsp. n.

Differs from *P. a. acuticauda* in its much darker colour, especially on the under-surface.

Type, Glencoe, Northern Territory.

POEPHILA GOULDIÆ KEMPI, subsp. n.

Differs from *P. g. gouldiæ* in having a richer coloured under-surface.

Type, Normanton, Queensland.

p. 309. SCENOPOEETES DENTIROSTRIS MINOR, subsp. n.

Differs from *S. d. dentirostris* in being smaller.

Type, Johnstone River, Queensland.

p. 310. AILUROEDUS MELANOTUS FAIRFAXI, subsp. n.

Differs from *A. m. maculosus* in its general lighter coloration, especially noticeable in the under-surface.

Type, Bellenden Ker, Queensland.

ALPHACHLAMYDERA CERVINIVENTRIS NOVA, subsp. n.

Differs from *A. c. cerviniventris* in its darker coloration.

Type, New Guinea.

p. 312. PRIONODURA NEWTONIANA FAIRFAXI, subsp. n.

Differs from *P. n. newtoniana* in being much more golden on the under-surface.

Type, Bartlefrere, Queensland.

PTILORIS PARADISEA DYOTTI, subsp. n.

Differs from *P. p. victoriae* in its generally richer, darker coloration.

Type, Cairns, North Queensland.

p. 245. FALCUNCULUS LEUCOGASTER STIRLINGI, subsp. n.

Differs from *F. l. leucogaster* in having the black on the throat less extensive.

Type, Stirling Ranges, West Australia.

p. 268. GRANTIELLA PICTA CLONCURRI, subsp. n.

Differs from *G. p. picta* in its larger size and darker coloration.

Type, Cloncurry, Queensland.

A correction in Austral Avian Record, No. 5, p. 97, 1914.

For

POODYTES GRAMINEUS NORMANI

read

PTENCÆDUS MATHEWSI NORMANI.

Differs from *P. m. horsfieldi* in the manner stated.

As a synonym of *Hydroprogne* Kaup. add—

PONTOCHELIDON Hogg, Edinb. New Philos. Journ., Vol. XLI., 1846, I designate as type *Sterna caspia* Lepechin.

And of *Botaurus* Stephens—

EROGAS Hogg, Zoologist, Dec., 1845, p. 1172, type *B. stellaris*.

And of *Hirundo* Linné, add

HEROPHILUS Gistel, Naturg. Schüler, p. viii., 1848, new name for *Cerropsis* Boie.